

3. (Twice Amended) Material machining belt according to Claim 1, characterized in that a surrounding region of the elongated hole is stiffened.

4. (Twice Amended) Material machining belt according to Claim 1, characterized in that the surrounding region of at least one recess is coated with a hardening agent for stiffening.

*or the elongated hole*

5. (Amended) Material machining belt according to Claim 2, characterized in that a surrounding region of the elongated hole is stiffened.

6. (Amended) Material machining belt according to Claim 2, characterized in that the surrounding region of at least one recess is coated with a hardening agent for stiffening.

7. (Amended) Material machining belt according to Claim 3, characterized in that the surrounding region of at least one recess is coated with a hardening agent for stiffening.

8. (Amended) Material machining belt according to Claim , characterized in that the surrounding region of at least one recess is coated with a hardening agent for stiffening.

Please add claims 9-14.

9. (New) Material machining belt according to Claim 1, characterized in that the counterpiece is stiffened.